December 2012

LAPEÑA COMMUNITY CHORUS has been singing songs of peace, justice, and hope since it began in 1978. Started by the Chilean exile community who founded La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley in 1975, the original mission of the Chorus was one of solidarity with the resistance against the dictatorship in Chile. But over the years our focus has expanded to other countries, including the struggles of people in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Cuba, and to various labor, community, and women's struggles closer to home.

Our music includes not only the Nueva Canción (or "New Song Movement") of Chile, but styles based in the folk and social justice movements of all of Latin America. We sing in nursing homes, elders' residences, hospitals, migrant labor camps, juvenile halls, rehabilitation centers, and schools, in addition to our public concerts and performances.

In 1995, we were the first North American chorus to take part in the International Choral Festival in Santiago, Cuba. We followed up that tour by visiting Chile in 1999, Mexico in 2002, Peru in 2006, and Uruguay and Argentina in 2011.

Adult Classes

Community Yoga Mon 7:00 pm
Adult Afro-Peruvian Dance Sat 12:00 pm
Latin American Guitar Wed 6:00 pm
Blues Dance Wed 7:00 pm
Bomba Afro-Puerto Rican Dance Sun 12:30 pm
Latin Jazz Orchestra Mon 8:30 pm.

Kids Classes

Huaranguitos Sat 1:00 pm
Rockin' Kids Sing Along
Fri 10:30 am
Bomba for Youth Thr 4:30 pm
Vocals for Kids! Mon 6:00 pm

Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Going to La Peña feels like returning home." -A review from www.greatnonprofits.org	Have you seen our new website? Go to www.lapena.org	Add your review of La Peña: www. greatnonprofits.org	Amiguitos:Unique Derique Kids $5, Adults $6 -10:30 am John Santos & his Sextet Music of the Masters $12 adv. $15 dr - 8:00 pm 1
Lounge Rumba Free 3:30 pm Fanny Ara Flamenco School Showcase: "A Lo Nuestro" $20 adv. $22 dr. Kids less than 10 yrs old Free -7:00 pm 2	Between Two Worlds Film Screening $10 gen. $8 students & seniors -7:30 pm. 6	Go Ohana! Up-and-Coming Asian American Artists. $10 gen. $8 students w/ID -7:30 pm 7	Amiguitos:Jerry Kennedy Kids $5, Adults $6 -10:30 am Gamelan Sekar Jaya Workshop & Dance Performance $12 gen $10 discount-7:00 pm 8
Sones con Andrés Flores (Veracruz, Mexico) $10 adv $12 dr -7:00 pm 9	La Peña Benefit: Gail Dobson's vocals for Kids', Hector Lugo's Puerto Rican Ensamble & Josh Jones' Latin Jazz Ensemble $10-$50 Sliding Scale 7-:00 pm 13	Sarchasm & Many More! Pop-Punk Band La Peña Benefit! All Ages! $10 adv $12 dr -8:00 pm 14	Amiguitos: Bonnie Lockhart Kids $5, Adults $6 -10:30 am La Parranda VMP 2012! A Holiday Celebration! $15 adv $18 dr -8:30 pm 15
Lounge Rumba Free -3:30 pm The ReSisters in Concert $10-$20 Sliding scale -7:00 pm 16	Flamencos por La Peña! Produced by Yaelisa $40 premium, $30 general -8:00 pm 20	Great Integration: A Chamber Hip-Hop Opera Featuring The Attik & Rico Pabon $15 adv $20 dr -10:00 pm 21	Tickets available at www.lapena.org 22
Taluna Italian Gypsy Music $13 adv $15 dr -7:30 pm 23	Cafe Valparaíso will be open from December 26 to 31 27	La Peña 28	Need to rent a place for an event? For more info: www.lapena.org/rentals 29

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www.lapena.org

Cafe Valparaíso: 510- 841-3800 - www.cafevalparaiso.com

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Lounge Rumba: Community Participatory Event

Dec. 2 + Dec. 16, 2012 3:30 pm

La Parranda with the Venezuelan Music Project!

Dec. 15, 2012 8:30 pm

Celebrate New Years at La Peña with Orquesta La Moderna Tradición!

Dec. 31, 2012 9:30 pm

Tickets available:
www.lapena.org

Thank YOU to all our supporters in 2012

We are very grateful to everyone--volunteers, artists, community, donors--who gave to La Peña in 2012. Your creativity, time, labor, and financial support are essential to keeping our doors open.

As La Peña approaches its 38th year, we are experiencing a new kind of growth. Our community is expanding as a new generation of elders welcomes a vibrant array of younger artists and activists bringing fresh energy and new visions to La Peña's longstanding work promoting peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and community action. We are excited and challenged by this blending of voices, and **we seek your support to continue catalyzing arts and action, sustaining our roots and moving forward in 2013.**

Your year-end donation helps support our concerts, children's programs, classes, forums, art exhibits, 2nd Gen events and much more.

To make a tax-deductible donation, you can send a check to La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705, or click "Donate" at www.lapena.org.

We are proud to provide the community a gathering space for artists, activists, and community organizations working together for a better future for the 99%.

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